Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce.

No. 3868—REV. 26, DATED BANGALORE, 22ND AUGUST 1874.

CIRCULAR ORDER.—The following instructions, approved by the Government of India, are laid down for the guidance of Officers who may be employed in this Province in the settlement of compensation for crops destroyed during manœuvres, &c., at Camps of Exercise.

H. WELLESLEY,
Offg. Secretary.

MEMO OF INSTRUCTIONS.

Before the assembly of the camp, the Civil Authorities will warn the Shanbhogs (Patvaris) to be as much as possible present in their villages during the operations, and to note what fields are injured by the troops.

2. The Amildar (Tahasildar) of the Taluk will be on the spot. He will keep a daily record (1) of the fields which may be occupied by the camps; and (2) of those over which troops might pass. Each of these statements will be in the following form :—

Column	1.	Name of village.	
,,	2.	Number of the field.	
,,	3.	Class (whether 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)	
,,	4.	Extent of the field (area.)	
,,	5.	Name of cultivator.	
,,	6.	Name of crop injured.	
Column	7.	Date of injury.	
,,	8.	Estimated produce.	
,,	9.	Estimated value.	
,,	10.	Proportion injured.	
,,	11.	Compensation awarded.	
,,	12.	Date and signature of the cultivator in token of acknowledgment.	

3. The Shanbhog of the village will report to the Amildar the damage done to each field not later than three days after the troops have passed over it. The Amildar will from time to time test the accuracy of these reports, and fill up the first seven columns of the statements referred to in para 2 above. He will further forward a copy thereof once a week to the Officer Commanding.

4. The Shanbhog and the Amildar will be responsible for any errors of omission or incorrect entry in the above statements, the object being to relieve the cultivators as far as possible from any trouble in bringing their loss to notice.

5. When the season is so far advanced that the quality of the harvest can be fairly estimated, the Deputy Commissioner of the District accompanied by a Military Officer detailed for the duty will go over the fields with the Amildar and the Shanbhog, and will strike out from the list all fields in which it is evident that no damage has been done to the crops. Then, with the assistance of a *panchayat* composed of the leading inhabitants of villages in the neighbourhood, an appraisement of the "estimated produce," "estimated value," and "proportion injured," will be made for the remaining fields.

6. The Deputy Commissioner will check the estimates and ask the cultivators concerned whether they are satisfied with the appraisement, or whether they have any objections or complaints to make. Such objections or complaints, if any, will be weighed by the Deputy Commissioner, who shall adjudge the compensation to be awarded.

7. The amount so adjudged shall forthwith be paid, and a *razinama* obtained of all claims for compensation.

8. In no case shall the award be delayed beyond the time at which the crops are harvested.

9. When all claims for compensation have been disposed of, a copy of the statements alluded to in the foregoing paragraphs shall be furnished to the General Commanding, in view to the amount being recovered from the Military Department.

10. If the number of troops engaged be large, and the operations extend over a large tract of country, the Deputy Commissioner may apply for the services of an Assistant, one or more Amildars, and a special staff. Any extra charges incurred on account of, or in connection with, the persons so employed, will form an item in the compensation bill.